

February 3, 2002

Ms. Pat Sheppard
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Federal Elections Commission
Washington, DC 20463

SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

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RE: C00306704
Mid-Year Report (1/1/01-6/30/01)

Dear Ms. Sheppard,

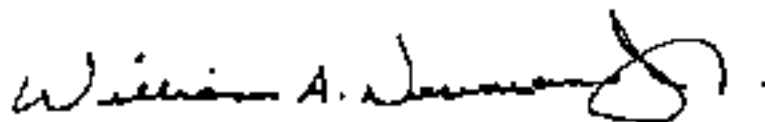
I am writing in response to your letter dated January 23, 2002 in regard to the above-mentioned reporting period. The resolutions of the issues you address are as follows:

1. Attached you will find a copy of the corrections for our disbursements descriptions in questions in the reporting period.
2. Attached you will find a schedule documenting the various issues surrounding your question of excess contributions reported on schedule A. We have basically three things that have caused confusion.
 - a. Several of the contributions that you indicated as "General" were actually General 1996 - debt retirement contributions. These have been noted as "G1996" on the schedule.
 - b. Our campaign software had an update prior to the filing of the above-mentioned report that allowed us to select "mail name" as a reporting option. We selected this option and unbeknownst to us it did not print out the "mail name", therefore leaving off the "Mr., Mrs., or Jr." if applicable. The attached schedule has these items indicated with the applicable check numbers.
 - c. Finally, there were three contributions that were in excess of the legal limits. These contributions have been refunded with a copy of the refund check attached.

Procedures are in place to prevent this from happening again, unfortunately, I believe that the General 1996 debt retirement contributions will continue to be a source of confusion in the future.

Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions or need any additional information. Phone(334)271-6780.

Sincerely,



William A. Newman, Jr.
Treasurer